

of this description of force, I would recommend the organization of an additional regiment. The first regiment to be limited to the companies within the 1st, 2d, 6th, 7th and 8th divisions; the second to be composed of the companies within the 3d, 4th and 5th divisions; allowing one company only to each brigade that shall hereafter be raised. And with a view of affording greater facilities to the captains in making their returns, so that an account of their respective commands may reach this office through some channel, I would recommend that they be required to furnish a copy of their returns to the Colonels, to the Brigadier Generals of the brigades in which the companies are respectively situated; and that the Brigadier Generals be required to incorporate such returns into their annual returns to the Adjutant General and Major Generals.

When the Artillery and Cavalry shall have been organized as above advised, the organization of the militia of the State will form in its parts a just proportion to each other according to the organization prescribed by Congress.

The quota of arms due from the General Government for 1823, '4, '5, '6, '7, '8, '9 and '30 arrived at Wilmington during the alarm of an intended insurrection of the slaves. Being advised by the Magistrate of Police of the uneasiness for the safety of the arms, which prevailed at that place, and that it had been ascertained the commanding officer at Fort Johnson would receive them in charge for the State, an order was issued immediately for their removal accordingly.

Such was the sensibility of the public mind at that time, that it was believed the arms could not have been transported to the arsenals in the interior of the State without exciting much additional alarm. I am assured by the officer in command at the Fort that the arms will be attended with not the least inconvenience to the garrison.

And should the Legislature direct a further distribution of the public arms among the militia than provided for by act of last Assembly, it is not probable the State will consent to retain for a future and more pressing emergency a less number of arms in effective condition than those above alluded to. Should such be the view taken by the Legislature of the policy of the State, there will be no necessity for the immediate removal of those arms to the arsenals; but should the Legislature come to a different conclusion, the arsenal at Fayetteville will require considerable repairs before the arms can be kept there without injury.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant.

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